



Background to CAGES Foundation

PURPOSE: To contribute to an Australia where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

MISSION: We support locally owned initiatives providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children access to the best pathways to reach their full potential.

VALUES

Respect: We respect the traditions and ideas of Indigenous people and their right to self-determination. We endeavour to listen to the communities we work in to gain understanding and knowledge about issues and solutions and believe that cultural understanding must underpin all that we do.

Honesty: We believe that open two-way communication is integral to building successful partnerships based on trust.

Collaboration: We value working collaboratively with stakeholders in community and with other funders to enhance learning and impact.

Transparency: We aim to share our learnings and our activities with our community to promote knowledge transfer and leadership.

Accountability: We are committed to good governance in the administration and management of the foundation as well as in our funding decisions and advocacy.

Humility: We recognise the virtues and talents of others and honour their inherent value

FUNDING CRITERIA AND PRINCIPLES

In line with the objective of CAGES Foundation we are looking to support organisations that:

- Work with children in their early stages (aged pre-natal to 5);
- Focus on communities with high representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children;
- Build community capacity;
- Have high levels of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation and leadership;
- Have, or are willing to develop, identifiable goals to measure the outcomes and effectiveness of the program; and
- Have identified the importance in sharing learning, program frameworks and outcomes for greater impact.

Application Process

In 2016 CAGES Foundation will be trialing a two-step application process. The first step is an expression of interest (EOI), which, can be submitted at anytime however must be submitted by end of February to be considered in the current financial year. In mid March, organisations successful in the EOI stage will be invited to submit additional information by the end of April.

Other organisations may either be given the opportunity to remain on the pipeline for consideration at a later time or will be advised that no funds are available, wherever possible feedback will be provided.

FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- CAGES Foundation has \$1,162,450 available for distribution in this financial year
- 65% of these funds are already committed to other, usually long-term, activities
- An average gift from CAGES is \$100,000 (range from \$25,000 - \$150,000 approximately) so there are approximately 3 - 4 additional grants to give
- There are currently 20 organisations in the pipeline

Expression of Interest

CAGES Foundation Funding Criteria and Principles

Before proceeding provide brief responses to the questions below:

1. Your program may take a whole of community approach however the focus and/or significant beneficiary of your activities must be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the first five years of their life.	
Please confirm the primary beneficiaries and any other stakeholders (family, community, systems) you will work with:	
2. We will consider favourably Aboriginal controlled organisations or those partnered with an Aboriginal controlled organisation.	
Are you an Aboriginal controlled organisation? If not provide details of the organisation/s you are partnered with:	
3. It is important your organisation demonstrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and participation to be considered for funding.	
Please describe the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and participation in your organization:	

Your organisation information and funding request

Please provide the following information (your expression of interest should be between 2-3 pages):

Organisation name:	
ABN:	Do you have DGR/TCC?
Location:	
Organisation mission:	
Head of Organisation: Phone: Email:	Contact name/position: Phone: Email:
What are the issues your organisation is trying to address?	
How does your organisation address these issues?	

How does your organisation measure its effectiveness in achieving its mission and how is this reported?

For what activities are funds required (include capacity building opportunities and location of activities)?

What are your expected outcomes and how will you know they are achieved:

BUDGET FOR ACTIVITY:

Income		Expenditure (please provide high level breakdown)	
Requested from CAGES:			
Total required:			
Other funders: (Please indicate whether funding is confirmed)			
TOTAL		TOTAL	

Any additional information: